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**Department of Health and Senior Services
Proposes to Readopt N.J.A.C. 8:7,
the Rules Governing Licensure of Persons for Public Health Positions**

The Division of Local Public Health Practice and Regional Systems Development in the Public Health Protection and Emergency Preparedness Branch of the Department of Health and Senior Services is proposing to readopt N.J.A.C. 8:7, Licensure of Persons for Public Health Positions. The notice of proposal appears in the November 7, 2005 issue of the New Jersey Register.

The Department, in consultation with the Public Health Council, the New Jersey Health Officers Association, and the New Jersey Environmental Health Association, is in the process of reviewing of N.J.A.C. 8:7 and anticipates the conduct of rulemaking to update and revise the chapter. The Department has reviewed the existing rules at N.J.A.C. 8:7 and has determined that, at least until the conclusion of the Department's review and anticipated rulemaking as described above, existing N.J.A.C. 8:7 remains necessary, adequate, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which it was originally promulgated. Therefore, the Department is proposing to readopt the chapter without amendment, to maintain its effectiveness pending the conclusion of the anticipated rulemaking described above.

The Department will convene a public hearing on the proposed readoption at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 12, 2005 at the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, First Floor Auditorium, Health and Agriculture Building, 369 South Warren Street (at Market Street), Trenton, NJ 08608. (This address provided to assist interested persons in obtaining driving directions by means of computerized mapping programs; do not mail comments to this address as it is undeliverable.) Persons wishing to comment on the proposal at the public hearing who wish to be placed on the list of speakers are requested to telephone Ms Davis at (609) 292-9328 by December 6, 2005, and to bring an extra written copy of their remarks for submission to the public record.

The public has until January 6, 2006 to comment on the proposal. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal must submit their comments in writing to Michael F. Lakat, Chair, Public Health Licensing and Examination Board, Division of Local Public Health Practice and Regional Systems Development, P O Box 360, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360. Written comments on the proposal must be postmarked on or before January 6, 2006, which is the close of the 60-day public comment period.

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